

REUBEN K. HARPOLE

BIOGRAPHY

A longtime activist in Milwaukee's African American community, Reuben K. Harpole has extensive insight into the needs of the city's diverse communities and the people who live in them.

Harpole is the program officer for the Helen Bader Foundation's Sankofa - Neighborhood Renewal Initiative. He retired from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 1997 after 31 years, where he was senior outreach specialist at the Center for Urban Community Development. A life-long Milwaukeean, he is a graduate of North Division High School and he holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from UWM.

He serves in a leadership role in various community groups in Milwaukee, including America's Black Holocaust Museum; Office Technology Academy; NTU Rites of Passage Institute, Wisconsin Contingency; and 100 Black Men.

Harpole has received numerous awards over the years, including the Milwaukee Foundation's 1991 Frank Kirkpatrick Award; Wisconsin Supplier's Development Council's 1991 Distinguished Service Award; Milwaukee Frontiers International 1992 Milwaukeean of the Year Award; and A CHOICE's Lifetime Achievement Award. He and his wife, Mildred, were recipients of the 1993 Vatican II Award.

Harpole is 65 years old and has two children, John and Annette.